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SUBJECT: BLUE LANTERN LEVEL 3: PRE-LICENSE END-USE CHECK ON

APPLICATION 050025737

REFS: A) STATE 38128, B) 06 VILNIUS 988, C) WATKINS/WOODARD E-MAILS

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11. (U) This report contains business-sensitive information. Please protect accordingly.

Previous site visit

12. (SBU) We visited Helisota Ltd. on October 16, 2006 to conduct a Blue Lantern check for a different application, reporting our results in ref B. Per ref C instructions, we did not visit Helisota again, but corresponded by telephone and e-mail with Helisota's Director of International Sales, Anatolij Legenzov, to obtain the necessary information.

Details of investigation

- 13. (SBU) Legenzov confirmed that Helisota ordered the items listed in ref A (paragraph 4) as part of its support contract with the United Kingdom's Ministry of Defense (UKMOD). Legenzov said that the UKMOD has contracted with Helisota to provide maintenance on its Mi-17 helicopters. The UKMOD did not specifically order these parts, Legenzov said, but the contract requires Helisota to have stand-by replacement parts for the three Mi-17s the UKMOD is operating in Afghanistan. These parts will go to Kabul because the UKMOD wants them in-theater to minimize downtime if there is a problem with existing equipment, he added.
- ¶4. (SBU) Legenzov said that the UKMOD is the buyer and end user of this equipment. He said that Helisota ordered the equipment through Aviation Service, A.S. because it is an authorized Honeywell and Garmin distributor for Europe. He also said that AeroDynamix (Euless, TX) performs the NVG adaptation of the equipment and applied for the export license.
- 15. (SBU) Helisota sent us a copy of its contract with Aviatiation Service, which included a list of ten items Helisota ordered, including those listed in ref A. Helisota also provided a copy of an end-user statement signed by "PJN Taylor, Wing Commander, UKMOD" dated October 27, 2006. The statement certifies that the UKMOD is the end user of the following items:
- --KNI 416 IND ALT XPANDED SCALE 28V BLK NVG
- --KI 825 3 EHSI INDICATOR BLK NVG
- --GNS 430A BLACK RECEIVER NVG
- --GI-106A CDI NVG (Note: this item is not listed in ref A.)

 $\P6$ . Legenzov said that the "GPS/NAV Annunciator" (listed in ref A) is part of the GNS 430A system, and that AeroDynamix listed it separately because it needs to be modified for NVG use. He also said that the eyebrow light, connector, and spacer (ref A) are parts for the GI-106A NVG adaptation.

Conclusions and point-of-contact

17. (SBU) Helisota cooperated fully in this investigation and provided all the information we requested. We have no objection to this transaction. For additional questions or clarifications, please contact Economic Officer Scott Woodard (woodards@state.gov, tel: +370-5-266-5542).

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